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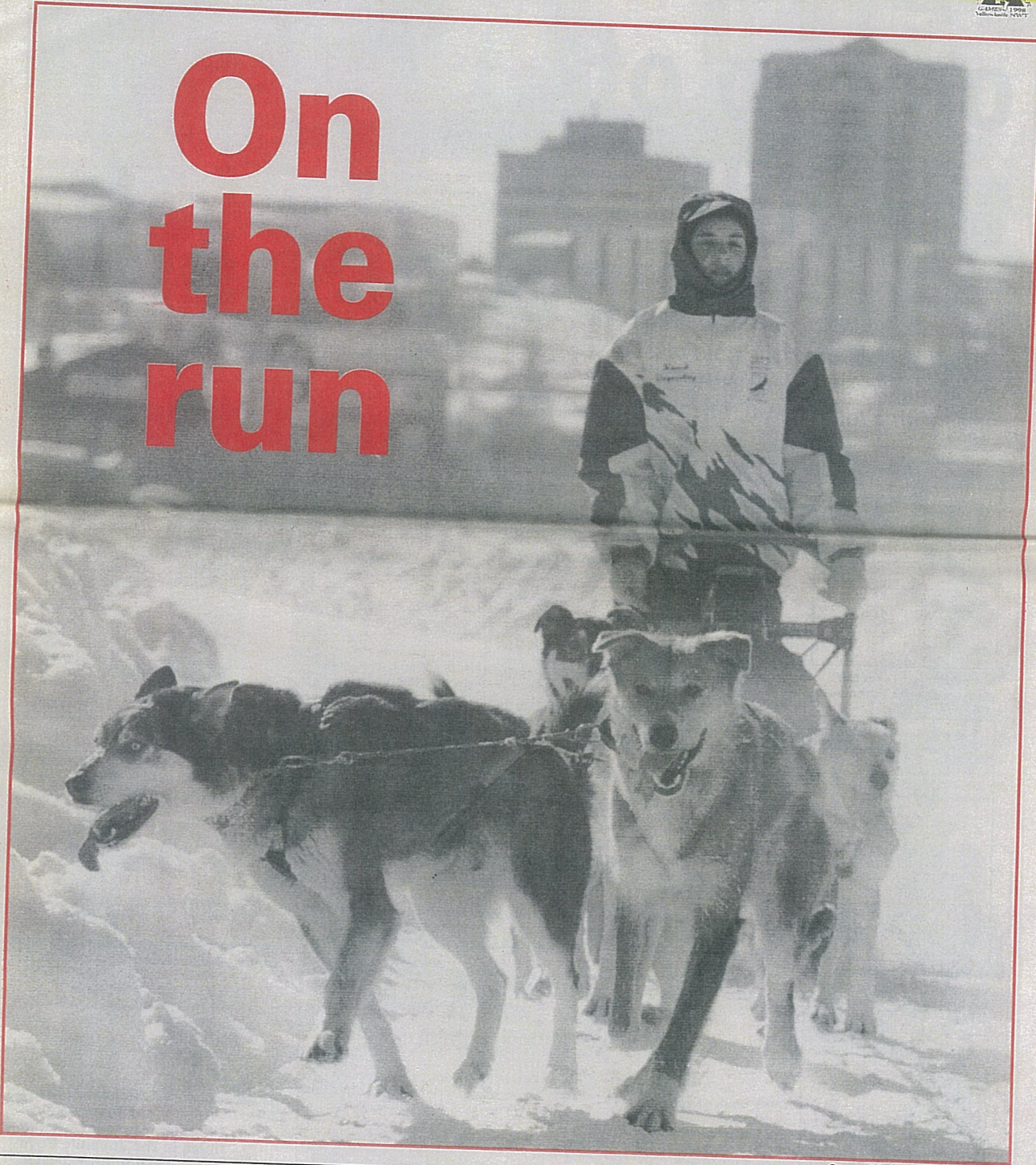
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On the run



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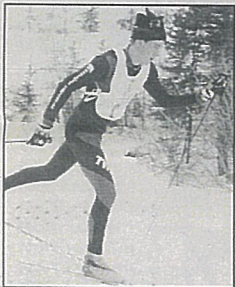


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Tyumen on top of the hill

The temperature warmed up but the sky clouded over yesterday as the Russians earned two-thirds of the gold ulus in cross-country skiing's Classic Technique races with a total of four.

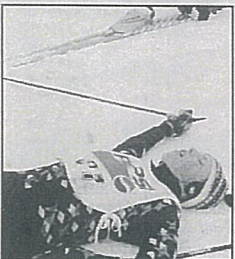
by Brad Heath
Northern News Services



Mike Argue of Team NWT displays Classic Technique.



Greenland skier Jonas Jensen, struggles to catch his breath after a race yesterday.



Chris Clark of Team Alaska, collapses at the finish line in yesterday's Juvenile Boys 5-kilometre race. Clark won a silver ulu for his second-place finish

Tyumen won the lion's share with three gold ulus, while Magadan won one. The Yukon and Alberta carried off the remaining two gold ulus. The Yukon was a force in the Classic Technique races with a total of five ulus: one gold, two silver and two bronze.

Tyumen won a total of four gold ulus yesterday, adding a single bronze to its three golds. Greenland won two silver and a bronze. Magadan and Alberta both won a gold and bronze, while Alaska claimed a silver and the Northwest Territories a bronze.

The winners in the Junior Boys 5-kilometre race were: gold, Evangell Kolodeznykh, Tyumen; silver, Nathan Doering, Yukon, and silver, Brian Horton, Yukon.

The top skiers in the Junior Girls 5-kilometre event were: gold, Julia Makarova, Tyumen; silver, Anna Sorokina, Tyumen, and bronze, Starr Stinson, Northwest Territories.

Michael Bourree of Alberta won a gold ulu in the Juvenile Boys 5-kilometre race. The silver ulu went to Chris Clark of Alaska and the bronze to Aage Hansen of Greenland.

Winners in the Juvenile Girls 5-kilometre event were: gold, Tatiana Shkurko, Tyumen; silver, Vivian Lyberth, Greenland, and bronze, Erin Trochim, Yukon.

Winners in the Midget Boys 3-kilometre race were: gold, Stephen Horton, Yukon; Pilutaq Nielsen, Greenland, and bronze, Casey Dyck, Alberta.

Magadan's Elena Boukhaleva took the gold ulu in the Midget Girls 5-kilometre race. Silver went to Kimberly Aschacher of the Yukon, while the bronze was won by Elena Oraz of Magadan.

Michael Bourree of Team Alberta celebrates his gold ulu finish in the Juvenile Boys 5-kilometre Classic Technique race.

Brad Heath/NNSL photos



These five of the nine gold pins are the official Team Alaska line-up. They're designated for coach, athlete, chef de mission, cultural, director, member, mission staff, president and sponsor. But the exclusive pin is probably the privately-commissioned brass Alaska map, rumoured to extremely limited to a 1998 edition of only 40. (From the George Smith collection).

The Pin Report

If your goal is to get one of every pin commissioned for the 1998 AWG, you've got your work cut out for you.

by Bill Braden
Northern News Services

If your goal is to get one of every pin commissioned for the 1998 AWG, you've got your work cut out for you.

"I estimate there are between 65 and 75 different pins in circulation," says pin aficionado and consultant to ULU News, George Smith of Alaska.

The Pin Report will feature George's trading insight, along with each contingents' official pin line-up, in coming issues of the ULU News. For now, here's the (unofficial) market listing:

- AWG Host Society: 19 sports pins plus 11 or so separates.
 - Team NWT: 2 (including the four-part NWT map)
 - Team Alaska: 9
 - Team Yukon: 4
 - Team Alberta: 3 (including the 3-part Ulu design)
 - Greenland: 0
 - Magadan: 0
 - Tyumen: 0
 - International Board: 4
- What's missing this year, says George, is the blizzard of corporate pins that have been issued in Games past. He has seen only such corporate suite

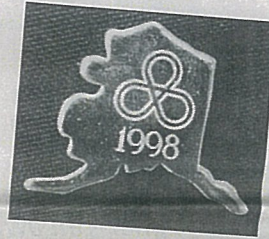
so far — from CBC North. The Corp has issued a trio of pins, featuring the tri-circle AWG symbol on gold, silver and bronze metals.

"I've heard there's only 100 sets, though," which, if true, could make them one of the hottest pin sets this year. CBC management, contacted just before press deadline, was asked to confirm the rumour. Instead, they added to the market frenzy, claiming a "regular" quantity of bronze pins is in circulation, but there are "fewer" of the silver and bronze. Stay tuned for more insider trading news and market manipulation on this one, folks.

Speaking of exclusivity, George related a story about the legendary Map-of-Alaska bauble that has appeared at every Games since 1970. This weighty brass number, elegant and shiny with only the AWG symbol and the year engraved, was apparently started by a private group in 1970.

They purchased a big whack of blanks, and have been issuing them, very sparingly, since then. The remaining stock of blanks is said to be held by one individual, who had only 40 done for 1998.

Good trading, everyone.
The Pin Report Returns tomorrow with more great tips from the trading floor of the 1998 AWG.



Bill Braden/NNSL photos

Pin Pick of the Day: The Alaskan dog mushers pin, designed by their sport coordinator Ron Kilian. Hannah Moderow, 14, is part of the American's all-girl racing contingent, helps show off their handsome, gold-embroidered pin featuring a photo of two huskie sprinters.

STREETER

What do you enjoy most about your sport?

ULU News stopped by the Yellowknife Ski Club on Tuesday and asked six skiers from Team Alaska what they enjoyed most about their sport.



Chris Clark (Cross Country Skiing, Alaska): It's fun and there are a lot of cool people in the sport.



Chelsea Berry (Cross Country Skiing, Alaska): When you do really well in cross-country skiing, you feel great about it!



Mishelle Norris (Cross Country Skiing, Alaska): I like the competition and I like all of the people, they're friendly. And I like being outside.



Anders Haugen (Cross Country Skiing, Alaska): I enjoy the people and the skiing - it's a great sport.



Seth Holden (Cross Country Skiing, Alaska): The weather! Hi mom!

Arts Events

Wednesday, March 18

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| <p>Prince of Wales Museum
10:30 - 9:00 pm
Arctic Winter Arts Exhibit</p> | <p>Tupaamaq
Randy Sibbeston
Boo-Z
Mary Iltunga & Bernadette Utaq
Willie Thrasher</p> |
| <p>Baker Centre
11:50 - 1:15 pm
Yukon NLS Dancers
Ecole St. Joseph
Northern Lights Jumpers
Ener</p> | <p>Explorer Hotel
2:00 - 10:00 pm
Arctic Winter Trade and Marketing Show</p> |
| <p>Javaroma
2:30 - 3:30 pm</p> | <p>Sir John Franklin School
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Kidstuff</p> |

Bulletin Board

- Competitors, don't miss the Athlete Drop-in Centre at 4919-49 Street, (kitty-corner from A & W). It's a great place to relax, listen to some tunes, watch a movie, trade some pins or e-mail home. The centre is open from noon to 10 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- For athletes who like to unwind over a game of pool, at the Side Pocket, 4913-50 Street, there is free pool from noon to 4 p.m. Across from the Yk Community Arena, After 8 Billiards is offering free pool from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Be sure to keep Wednesday night open. MuchMusic is hosting a bash at the DND hangar from 7 to 10 p.m. Bussing from the accommodations will be provided.
- From 9 to 10 p.m. you can go for a free swim at the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool. The Drop-In Centre will be open Wednesday and Thursday nights. Thursday night movies at the Capitol Theatre are only \$3.00 with your coupon.
- Friday night three of Yellowknife's hottest alternative bands will be performing at the Drop-In Centre.
- Just a reminder to medal winners to move away from the presentation area after you have been given your medal to make room for the next group of winners. Things can get crowded pretty quickly, and your cooperation is appreciated.
- It seems that in yesterday's ULU News the performance group Ener was mistakenly identified as Black Mountain Ash. Apologies all around.



A change in the rules make the Airplane, already one of the biggest challenges at the Arctic Winter Games, even more challenging.

Brad Heath/WNSL photo

New rules make it tougher

The Airplane, the toughest game in the Arctic Winter Games just got tougher - an awful lot tougher.

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

The Airplane is one of the nine Arctic Sports. It can best be described as a horizontal version of gymnastics' gruelling Iron Cross. In the Airplane, the contestant lies face down on the floor and is lifted about a foot to two feet off the ground by three "packers". The contestant must maintain a rigid, prone

position while the packers carry him around the gymnasium. The contestant who can maintain this position while being carried the farthest distance is the winner.

Up until now, two packers held the contestant by the wrists while the third grabbed him by the ankles. New rules have been brought

in, however, that make the Airplane dramatically more difficult. Actually, they're very old rules that have been reinstated.

Arctic Sports MC Ernie Bernhardt told the packed auditorium at JH Sissons Elementary School last night that Inuit elders say it's a mistake to carry the contestants by the wrists and ankles. According to tradition, they should be carried by the clenched fists and insteps.

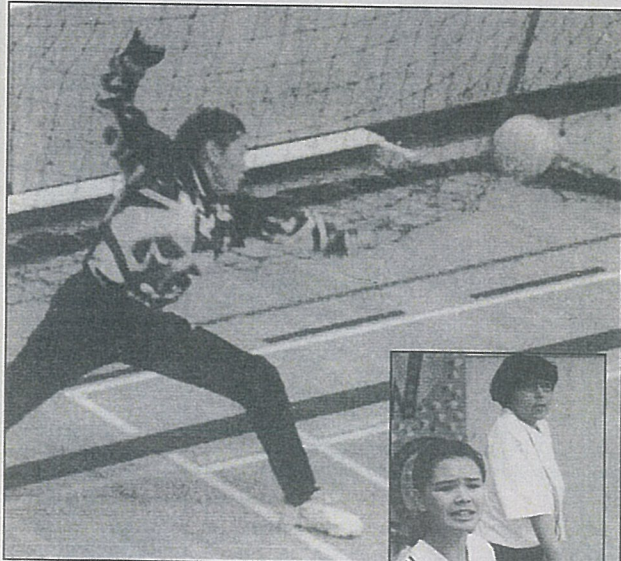
According to Inuit elders, contestants must endure pain and exert great strength while playing the Airplane in preparation for a diffi-

cult life on the land.

The effect of these changes was dramatic. The current record for the Airplane is 11 feet, 8.5 inches and was set by Makabe Ntok of Team Northwest Territories in 1986.

Many athletes routinely reach the 150-foot mark. Last night, Igor Eimemy of Team Madan won a gold ulu by enduring for just over 21 feet.

Many of last night's contestants collapsed before the packers could take a single step while the rest could not endure past 10 or 15 feet - but even that was an amazing feat!



Brad Heath/WNSL photo

Greenland goaltender Karla Jakobsen in action.

Right: Greenland Junior Girls' soccer coach Makka Johansen, right, and player Sara-Marie Frederiksen awatch anxiously as Team Yukon attacks.



Split decision

Greenland and the Yukon each walked away with a victory when their Junior Men's and Women's indoor soccer teams squared off yesterday.

by Brad Heath
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Greenland's Junior Men's team scored an 8-3 win over the Yukon. An hour later, the Yukon Junior Women's team extracted revenge with a 5-3 victory although they had to stave off a late rally by Team Greenland.

Both games were physical. Tempers occasionally flared in the Junior Men's contest and there were numerous injuries to players on Greenland Junior Women's team.

Asa Kleist, coach of Greenland's Junior Men's team, said through a translator that he was pleased with his team's performance in their first outing of the '98 Arctic Winter Games. The Greenland all-star team is made up of players from throughout the country. The team had about one week to practise together at a training camp before departing for Canada.

Greenland's impressive victory came despite the fact that the team had to make a number of adjustments, says Kleist. Greenland's indoor soccer teams play on a larger pitch back home that does not protect the

goalie with a crease. Greenland players also had to get used to wearing shin protectors, the AWG and the fact that goaltenders cannot touch the ball with their hands.

"I think they have adjusted well," says Kleist. "They did a good job of finding each other and communicating on this small court." When asked if his team has a good shot at winning a gold ulu, Kleist says he can't really make a prediction. "Our next match is going to be difficult for us. It's against Alaska."

Kleist says members of the Greenland Junior Men's team are "really happy" with the way they've been treated at the AWG. "People have been very helpful."

Coach Makka Johansen of the Greenland Junior Women's team says her players had a "tough game" against the Yukon. "Most of our players were hurting and couldn't play 100 per cent," says Johansen. Members of the Greenland team were visibly upset as they left the indoor soccer pitch at the end of the game.



The Aklavik Drummers and Dancers perform last night during the Arctic Winter Fashion Showcase last night at the Legislative Assembly.

Show time

The fur was flying last night as designers around the North strutted their stuff on the runway at the Arctic Fashion Showcase.

by Kerry McCluskey
Photos by Steve McKinley
Northern News Services

Hosted by well-known Yellowknifer Cindy Gilday, the fashion show featured the original work of close to 20 Inuit, Dene and Metis women representing many of the regions across the Northwest Territories.

Organized by Cynthia Cardinal, the fashion show attempted to illustrate how art and clothing are closely intertwined in the culture of the NWT.

"Because the clothing is so much a part of the culture, they thought a good way to show the visiting athletes and participants the culture would be through the clothing. It's all art, very specified art and a lot of work goes into the clothing," says Cardinal who hopes the designers get the recognition they deserve.

More than two dozen models paraded the contemporary and traditional designs includ-

ing everything from Dene belts and leggings to Inuit parkas and knitted sweaters from Pangnirtung.

Incorporating fox, rabbit, wolverine and beaver furs with moose, caribou, deer and pig hides, the fashions were often decorated with bead-work, embroidery-work, satin and ribbon.

Entertainment was provided by the visiting cultural contingents and performances by some of the local and territorial favourites were given.

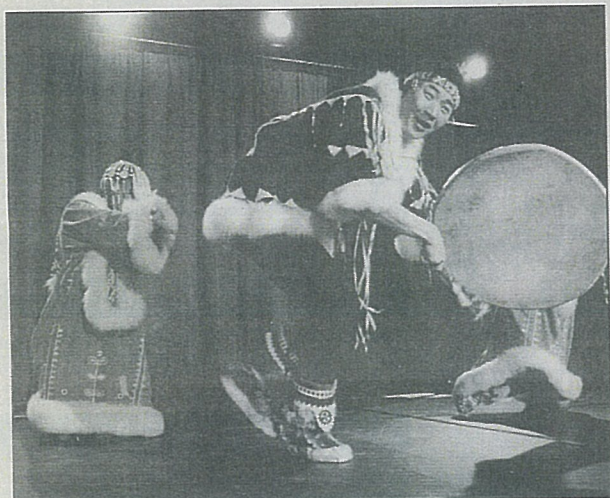
Almost everyone involved in the show sported a garment made from some of the natural resources in the north.

More than 300 people attended the fashion show held at the Legislative Assembly building.

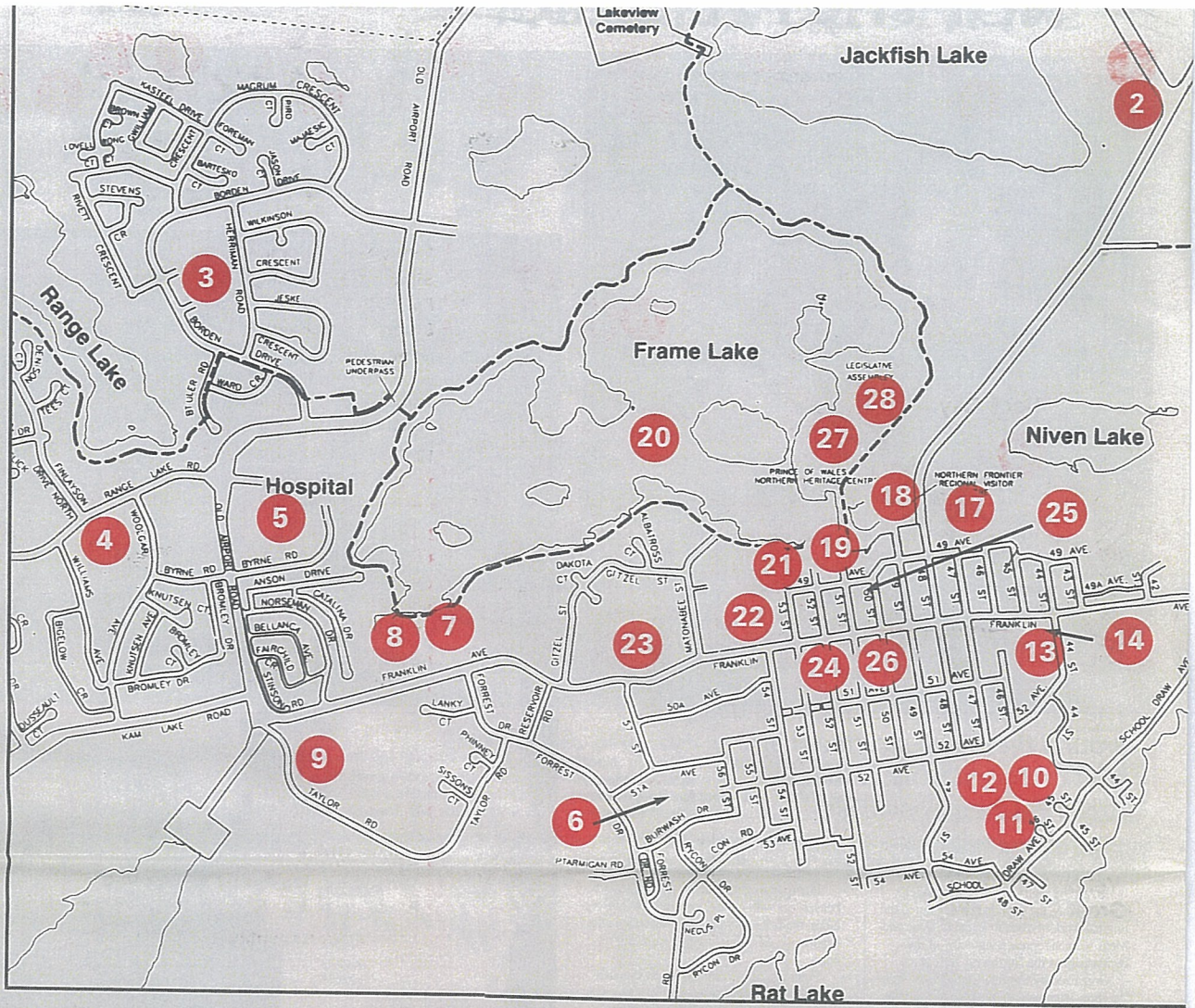
All of designs are for sale and orders and purchases can be made at the Trade show which opens today at the Explorer Hotel.



Models share a kiss while showing wedding outfits



Dancers from Ener, a dance troupe from Magadan, brought the house down with their performance last night.



Schedule of events

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

ARCTIC SPORTS

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Preliminary	Alaskan High Kick (P)	J.H. Sissons School	11:30am
Final	Alaskan High Kick (F)	J.H. Sissons School	7:00pm
	Medal Presentations	J.H. Sissons School	8:30pm

BADMINTON

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Singles	Alaska2 vs NWT2	Range Lake North	09:00 AM
Junior Singles	Greenland2 vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	09:00 AM
Junior Singles	Alberta1 vs Greenland1	Range Lake North	09:00 AM
Junior Singles	Yukon1 vs NWT1	Range Lake North	09:30 AM
Junior Singles	Alberta1 vs NWT1	Range Lake North	09:30 AM
Junior Singles	Greenland1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	09:30 AM
Junior Singles	Yukon2 vs Greenland2	Range Lake North	10:00 AM
Junior Singles	Alberta2 vs NWT2	Range Lake North	10:00 AM
Juvenile Singles	Alaska1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	10:00 AM
Juvenile Singles	Yukon2 vs Alberta2	Range Lake North	10:30 AM
Juvenile Singles	NWT1 vs Greenland1	Range Lake North	10:30 AM
Junior Singles	Alberta1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	11:00 AM
Junior Singles	Alaska2 vs Alberta2	Range Lake North	11:00 AM
Junior Singles	NWT2 vs Greenland2	Range Lake North	11:00 AM
Juvenile Singles	Alberta1 vs Greenland1	Range Lake North	11:30 AM
Open Doubles	Alaska vs NWT	Range Lake North	11:30 AM
Open Doubles	Yukon vs NWT	Range Lake North	11:30 AM
Juvenile Singles	Alaska2 vs Greenland2	Range Lake North	12:00 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Greenland2 vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	01:00 PM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Greenland1 vs NWT1	Range Lake North	01:00 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	Greenland1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	01:30 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	Greenland2 vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	01:30 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	NWT1 vs Alberta1	Range Lake North	01:30 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	Alberta2 vs NWT2	Range Lake North	02:00 PM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Greenland2 vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	02:00 PM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Alberta1 vs Greenland1	Range Lake North	02:00 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	NWT1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	02:30 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	Alberta1 vs Greenland1	Range Lake North	02:30 PM

BADMINTON

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	NWT1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	03:00 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	Alberta2 vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	03:00 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	NWT1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	03:30 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	Greenland vs Alaska1	Range Lake North	03:30 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	Alaska2 vs NWT2	Range Lake North	04:00 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	Alberta vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	04:00 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	Greenland vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	04:00 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	Alaska1 vs NWT1	Range Lake North	04:00 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	NWT2 vs Alberta	Range Lake North	04:30 PM
Open Mixed Doubles	Alaska2 vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	04:30 PM
Open Doubles	Yukon vs NWT	Range Lake North	05:00 PM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Yukon vs Alaska	Range Lake North	05:00 PM
Junior Mixed Doubles	NWT2 vs Greenland2	Range Lake North	12:00 PM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Alberta2 vs Yukon2	Range Lake North	12:00 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	Alberta1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	12:30 PM
Juvenile Mixed Doubles	NWT2 vs Greenland2	Range Lake North	12:30 PM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Alberta1 vs Yukon1	Range Lake North	12:30 PM

BASKETBALL

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior	NWT vs Yukon	St. Pat's High School	07:00 PM
Junior	NWT vs Yukon	St. Pat's High School	08:30 PM

CURLING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior	NWT vs Alaska	YK Curling Club	09:30 AM
Junior	NWT vs Alaska	YK Curling Club	09:30 AM
Junior	Alberta vs Yukon	YK Curling Club	02:30 PM
Junior	Alberta vs Yukon	YK Curling Club	02:30 PM
Junior	Alberta vs NWT	YK Curling Club	02:30 PM
Junior	Yukon vs Alberta	YK Curling Club	09:30 PM

DENE GAMES

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
	Shed Pull Competition	Nalio	1:30pm
	Medal Presentations	Nalio	2:00pm

DOG MUSHING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Juvenile	7.5 km Race (4 Dogs)	Back Bay	10:00am
Junior	10 km Race (6 Dogs)	Back Bay	1:00pm

HOCKEY

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Midjet	Yukon vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	07:00 AM
Fee/Wee	Magadan vs Alaska	YK Community Arena	07:00 AM
Midjet	Alberta vs Alaska	Gerry Murphy Arena	09:00 AM
Bantam	Yukon vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	11:00 AM
Bantam	Alberta vs Alaska	Gerry Murphy Arena	01:00 PM
Fee/Wee	Alaska vs NWT	YK Community Arena	03:00 PM
Fee/Wee	Magadan vs Yukon	YK Community Arena	03:00 PM
Junior	Alaska vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	05:00 PM
Midjet	Yukon vs NWT	YK Community Arena	05:00 PM
Junior	Alberta vs Yukon	Gerry Murphy Arena	05:00 PM
Bantam	Alaska vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	07:00 PM
Midjet	Alberta vs Yukon	YK Community Arena	07:00 PM

INDOOR SOCCER

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior	Greenland vs Alaska	St. Pat's High School	08:00 AM
Juvenile	Alberta vs Yukon	St. Pat's High School	09:00 AM
Juvenile	Alaska vs Yukon	St. Pat's High School	10:00 AM
Junior	Alaska vs Yukon	St. Pat's High School	11:00 AM
Juvenile	Alaska vs NWT	St. Pat's High School	01:00 PM
Juvenile	NWT vs Alberta	St. Pat's High School	02:00 PM
Junior	NWT vs Greenland	St. Pat's High School	03:00 PM
Junior	NWT vs Greenland	St. Pat's High School	04:00 PM
Juvenile	Magadan vs Yukon	St. Pat's High School	05:00 PM
Junior	Alaska vs Yukon	St. Pat's High School	12:00 PM

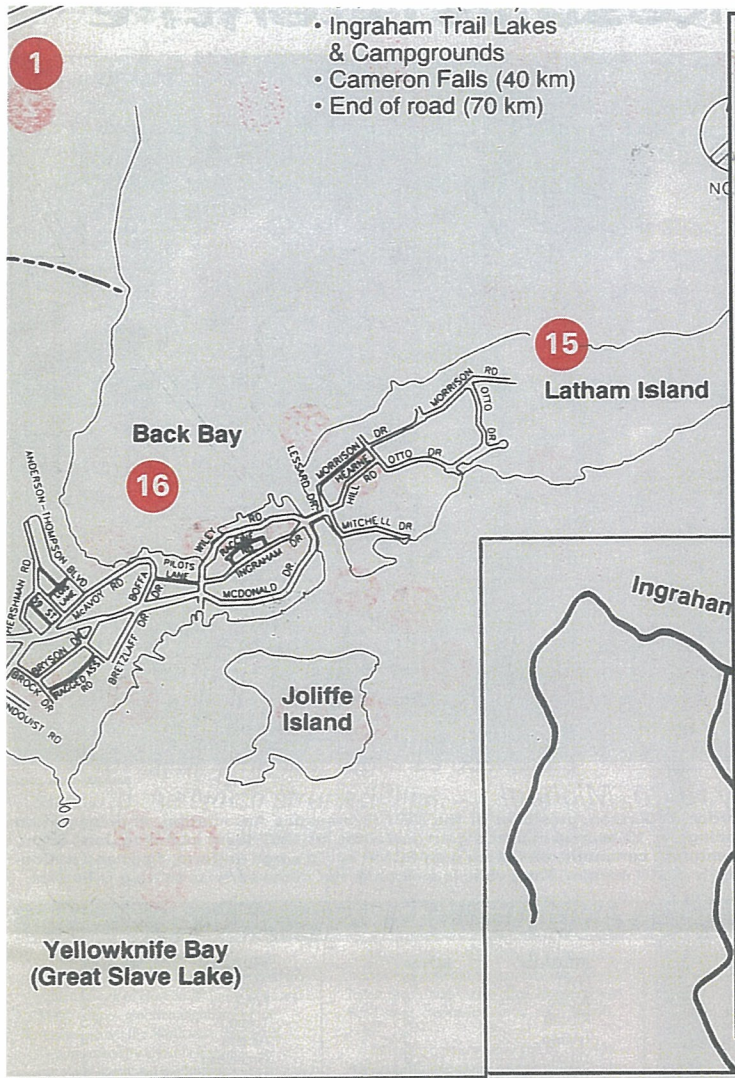
SILOUETTE SHOOTING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Open	Individual Preliminary 2	YK Gun Club	10:30am
Junior	Individual Prelim 2	YK Gun Club	10:30am
All	Sight In (Individual)	YK Gun Club	9:00am

SKI BIATHLON

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Open	10 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	1:30pm
Junior	10 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	1:30pm
Junior	7.5 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	1:30pm
Junior	7.5 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	1:30pm

- Ingraham Trail Lakes & Campgrounds
- Cameron Falls (40 km)
- End of road (70 km)



Where is it?

- 1 Yellowknife Ski Club
- 2 Silhouette Shooting/Rifle Range
- 3 Range Lake School
- 4 St. Joseph School
- 5 Stanton Regional Hospital
- 6 J. H. Sissons School
- 7 Yellowknife Community Arena
- 8 Yellowknife Curling Club
- 9 William McDonald School
- 10 Sir John Franklin High School
- 11 Northern Arts and Cultural Centre
- 12 Akaitcho Hall
- 13 Weledeh School
- 14 St. Pat's High School
- 15 N'Dilo Gymnasium
- 16 Back Bay
- 17 Explorer Hotel
- 18 Northern Frontier Visitors Association
- 19 City Hall
- 20 Frame Lake
- 21 Gerry Murphy Arena
- 22 Mildred Hall School
- 23 Baker Community Centre
- 24 Javaroma
- 25 Games Office
- 26 Yellowknife Inn/Centre Square Mall
- 27 Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
- 28 Legislative Assembly

SNOWSHOE BIATHLON

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Open	3 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	9:30am
Open	3 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	9:30am
Junior	3 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	9:30am
Junior	3 km Sprint	YK Ski Club	9:30am

SPEED SKATING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior	777 m Heats	YK Community Arena	9am - 1pm
Junior	1500 m Finals	YK Community Arena	9am - 1pm
Juvenile	500 m Heats	YK Community Arena	9am - 1pm
Juvenile	1000 m Finals	YK Community Arena	9am - 1pm

TABLE TENNIS

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Mixed Doubles	Greenland 1 vs Tyumen 1	St. Joseph School	09:30 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Alaska 1 vs NWT 1	St. Joseph School	09:30 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	NWT 2 vs Magadan 2	St. Joseph School	09:30 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Alaska 2 vs Tyumen 2	St. Joseph School	09:30 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Tyumen 1 vs NWT 1	St. Joseph School	09:55 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Greenland 1 vs Magadan 1	St. Joseph School	09:55 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Magadan 2 vs Tyumen 2	St. Joseph School	09:55 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	NWT 2 vs Greenland 2	St. Joseph School	09:55 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	NWT 1 vs Magadan 1	St. Joseph School	10:20 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Tyumen 1 vs Alaska 1	St. Joseph School	10:20 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Tyumen 2 vs Greenland 2	St. Joseph School	10:20 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Magadan 2 vs Alaska 2	St. Joseph School	10:20 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Magadan 1 vs Alaska 1	St. Joseph School	10:45 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	NWT 1 vs Greenland 1	St. Joseph School	10:45 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Greenland 2 vs Alaska 2	St. Joseph School	10:45 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Tyumen 2 vs NWT 2	St. Joseph School	10:45 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Alaska 1 vs Greenland 1	St. Joseph School	11:10 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Magadan 1 vs Tyumen 1	St. Joseph School	11:10 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Alaska 2 vs NWT 2	St. Joseph School	11:10 AM
Junior Mixed Doubles	Greenland 2 vs Magadan 2	St. Joseph School	11:10 AM

VOLLEYBALL

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior	NWT vs Alberta	Sir John Franklin	08:30 AM
Open	NWT vs Magadan	Sir John Franklin	08:30 AM
Junior	Yukon vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin	10:00 AM
Junior	NWT vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin	10:00 AM
Junior	Alaska vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin	11:30 AM
Open	Yukon vs Alaska	Sir John Franklin	01:00 PM

VOLLEYBALL

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Open	Alaska vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin	01:00 PM
Junior	Alaska vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin	02:30 PM
Junior	NWT vs Alberta	Sir John Franklin	04:00 PM
Open	NWT vs Alaska	Sir John Franklin	04:00 PM
Open	NWT vs Alaska	Sir John Franklin	05:30 PM
Open	Yukon vs Magadan	Sir John Franklin	05:30 PM

WRESTLING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Bantam	Individual Round Robin	Mildred Hall School	9:00am
Junior	Individual Round Robin	Mildred Hall School	2:00pm



Steve McKinley/NNSL photo

Airborne

NWT's Chris Groves (L) goes airborne to lay a check on an Alberta player during third period midget hockey action at the YK Community Centre.

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Way to go, Michael

Gymnast Michael Bennington accepts a gold medal from Gordon Robertson, president of the NWT Gymnastics Association, at presentation ceremonies held Tuesday at the Rock in St. Pats school. Bennington, 12, helped deliver a gold medal for his NWT team including John Tram, 13, Paul Webber, 12, and coach Tim Bayly. The colorful presentation ceremony, complete with RCMP in red serge uniform, flags and national anthems, will be held every evening at 6:30 p.m. for that day's medal events. The public is welcome, but come early as seating is limited.

CURRENT MEDAL STANDINGS - DAY 3

MEDALS	Total	MEDALS	Gold	MEDALS	Silver	MEDALS	Bronze
Alaska	37	Alaska	12	NWT	16	Alaska	16
NWT	34	NWT	10	Alaska	9	NWT	8
Yukon	13	Yukon	5	Alberta	4	Yukon	5
Alberta	11	Tyumen	4	Tyumen	3	Alberta	4
Tyumen	7	Alberta	3	Yukon	3	Greenland	1
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ARCTIC SPORTS

One Foot High Kick

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Meszkoski	Jimmy	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Gold	McDonald	Melika	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Nosogulak	Eli Jr.	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Franz	Emily	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Issalik	Johnny	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Pickett	Carol	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Amaulivuar	Eric	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Gallagher	Ebe	Alberta	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Komacook	Charlie	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Pearce	Susie	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Brandt	Inooaq	Greenland	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Heyano	Amoranda	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Weyouano	Bradley	Alaska	16-Mar-1998

Triple Jump

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Zhemakov	Alexander	Tyumen	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Johanson	Nicole	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Nosogulak	Eli Jr.	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Lang	Heather	Yukon	16-Mar-1998
Silver			Tyumen	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Pearce	Susie	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Wangenberg	Cory	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Heyano	Amoranda	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Sapogukov	Denis	Magadan	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Towarsk	Kathy	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Gilbert	Robert	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Wills	Arne	Alberta	16-Mar-1998

Arm Pull

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Johanson	Nicole	Alaska	17-Mar-1998
Gold	Gilbert	Robert	Alaska	17-Mar-1998
Gold	Lang	Heather	Yukon	17-Mar-1998
Silver	Diksookuk	Noel	Alaska	17-Mar-1998
Silver	Nosogulak	Eli Jr.	NWT	17-Mar-1998
Silver	Inukshuk	Qavik	NWT	17-Mar-1998
Bronze	Pickett	Carol	Alaska	17-Mar-1998
Bronze	Mullins	James	NWT	17-Mar-1998
Bronze	Gallagher	Ebe	Alberta	17-Mar-1998

SKI BIATHLON

10 km Individual

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Naylor	Jenny	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Dutov	Alexander	Tyumen	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Tyson	Miriam	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Parkhomenko	Andrey	Tyumen	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Halden	Lindsay	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Walsh	Brennan	Alaska	16-Mar-1998

15 km Individual

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Hakkinen	Jared	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Green	Paul	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Fraser	Scott	Yukon	16-Mar-1998

7.5 km Individual

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Cherapyuk	Tahana	Tyumen	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Zakharsteva	Galina	Tyumen	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Fry	Jasmine	Alaska	16-Mar-1998

DENE GAMES

Snow Snake

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
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Silver	Arnold	Dan	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Dalchok	Miriam	Alaska	16-Mar-1998

SNOWSHOEING

5 km X-Country

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Goepfel	Tomara	Yukon	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Ahlo	Albert	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Nielsen	Sara	Yukon	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Storm	Bridget	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Burnett	Ross	Yukon	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Sakis	Sara	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Bertini	Loni	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Wilson	Frederic	Alaska	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Abbott	Laura	Alaska	16-Mar-1998

SPEED SKATING

333 m

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Marshall	Jared	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Pin	Julia	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Stephenson	Gord	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Cooper	Merrill	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Coody	Luke	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Paik	Jane	NWT	16-Mar-1998

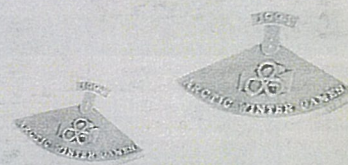
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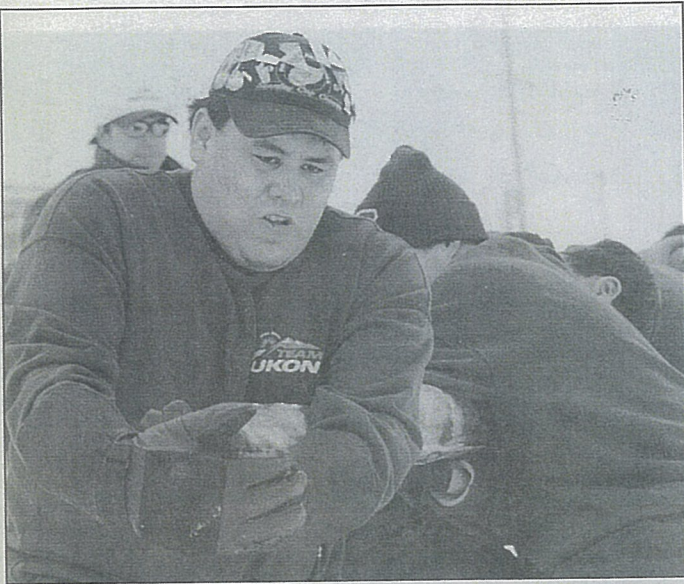
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Bronze	Demko	Michael	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Gold	Pin	Sophia	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	McCaresh	Conor	NWT	16-Mar-1998
Silver	Kanycki	Melissa	Alberta	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Magill	Steven	Alberta	16-Mar-1998
Bronze	Conart	Wendy	Alberta	16-Mar-1998

Cross Country Skiing

5 km Classic

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Contingent	Date Won
Gold	Kalodezmykh	Evgenii	Tyumen	17-Mar-1998
Silver	Droening	Nathan	Yukon	17-Mar-1998
Bronze	Horton	Brian	Yukon	17-Mar-1998





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Yukon's Edwin McGinty (L) shows the strain as he heaves from the end of the pole during a pole push competition against NWT yesterday at Ndilo. Yukon ended up taking the bronze in the competition.



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Alaskan Roger Oomittuk takes a breather underneath a blanket between rounds of the Dene pole push competition yesterday at Ndilo. The Alaskan team took the gold.

Dene action

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by Bill Braden
Northern News Services

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After a round robin tournament between Yukon, Alaska and NWT, Team Alaska's Brian Walker (coach) and Roger Oomittuk, Dan Amidon, Michael Leonard and Max Dolchuk were the gold-medal winners. "It's lots of fun to watch," said Drygeese.

The silver medal went to the NWT coach Ricki Andrew and competitors Freddy Tin-

qui, Lloyd Lemouel, Christopher Bughins and Manny Buckley. Yukon's John Acklack, Jordan Caesar, Edwin McGinty, Dwayne McGinty and coach Luke settled for bronze.

The Dene Games have been an AWG event for some time, and Drygeese is working at getting an association together to promote and broaden the variety of games and the traditional skills required. The contests continue for the next three days starting at 1:30 pm.

Here's a run-up of what to look forward

to: Wednesday's Stick Pull pits two contestants, each gripping an end of a one-foot long, tapered stick coated in cooking fat, trying to pull the stick from the other's grip.

Thursday's Hand Games involves a complex game of hide and seek, as teams seek to trick each other about which hand is hiding a few pebbles. Score is kept by counting sticks, and it's all done to the beat of traditional Dene drummers.

Spectators will be welcome to try out

this fascinating game, under the eye of local Dene elders.

On Friday, the Finger Pull challenges competitors — one sitting, one kneeling — to grip index fingers and break the opponent's grasp. Like most AWG venues, Dene Games has no admission fee.

Drygeese issued a special invitation to all to come down to the N'dilo community centre for a drum dance Thursday. It will start about 8 p.m. and promises to go into the wee hours.



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Krista Andre of Yukon squares off against June Pangon of NWT in the junior female arm pull. Behind them, Eddie Arey, a sports official from Yukon, helps out.

Polar power performers

One of the things that makes some Arctic Sports events so different and so fascinating is their subtlety.

by Bill Braden
Northern News Services



Brad Braden/NNSL Photo
The Alaskans trio celebrated their sweep of the Arctic Sports arm pull competition Monday afternoon. From left: Noel Oksoktaruk, silver; Nicole Johnston, gold, and Carol Pickett, bronze.

They are not the kind of events where roaring, sweating gladiators bang and clash in the arenas of the NHL or the stadiums of World Cup Soccer Federation. They're very, very different. Take, for instance, the arm pull, played out on Monday afternoon at the Sissons school.

This one-on-one contest has the competitors sitting on the hardwood floor, with their legs interlinked like Spandex-ed pretzels. They link opposite arms at the elbow, and then, eyeball-to-eyeball, tug in opposite directions until one or the other's elbow gives out.

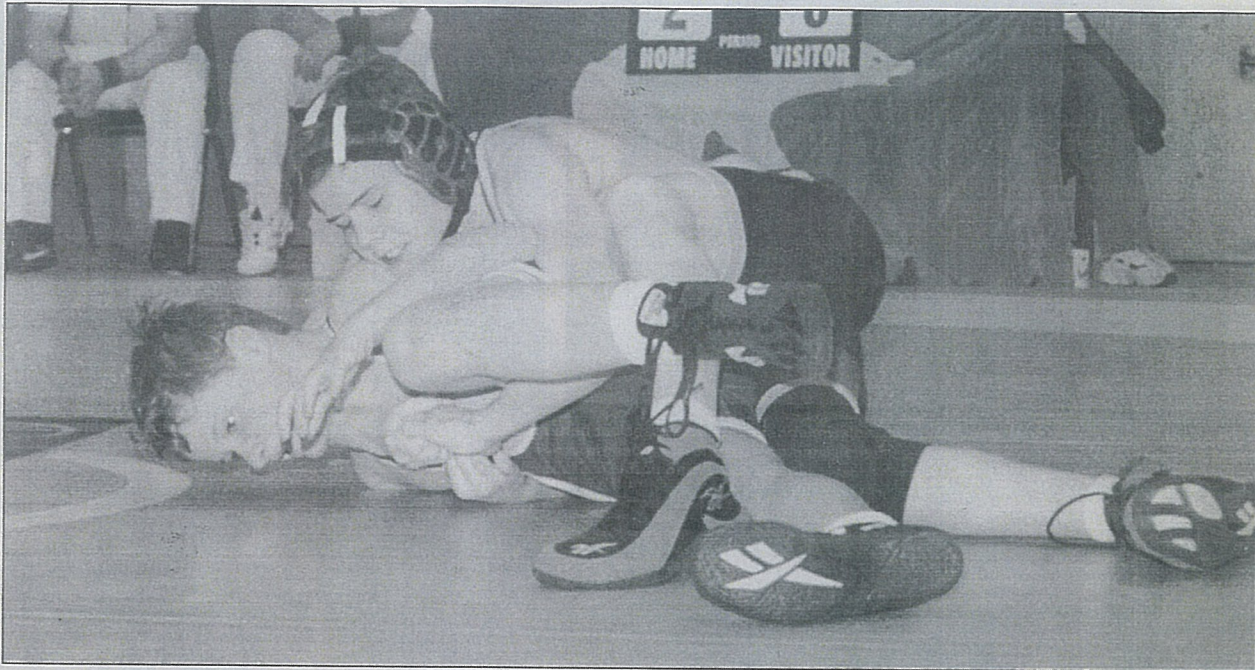
They need some help doing this. A referee helps crank their bodies into position, a bit like compressing two unruly metal springs, before giving them the Go sign. Most contests are over in one, maybe two seconds. Really long tussles take five.

There's some grimacing and wincing from the contestants, but no grunts or screams. The audience is focused, intent, hushed. Applause, if any, is subdued.

But don't let the lack of excitement fool you. "There's lots of strength and endurance involved," said gold medal winner Nicole Johnston, an athlete with seven AWG competitions behind her. "The technique is to be quick, but not to jerk."

And even with this "subtle" sport there's hurt: bruises, burst blood vessels and superficial burns.

Arctic Sports continues through Friday at the Sissons school with numerous other unique events, including the one hand reach, Russian sledge jump and the real crowd pleasers, the Alaskan and two-foot high kicks. Get there early, seating is free but limited.



Brad Heath/NNSL photos

Nathan Moore of Team Alaska ties up Isaac Terrico of Alberta en route to a win.

Getting a grip

Ed Bailey received a nice present on his birthday yesterday. The 14-year-old wrestler from Alaska won a match with a move that he learned from a teammate earlier in the day.

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

As was expected, Alaskan wrestlers proved to be the dominant force yesterday in the Team Wrestling Competition at Mildred Hall School.

The Alaskans lost only two matches (one by disqualification) in duals with Team Yukon, Team Northwest Territories and Team Alberta. The Alaskans were still to face Team Russia when this report was prepared.

"We're doing really well," said Alaska coach Rick Goeb who describes his wrestlers as a "top-notch unit."

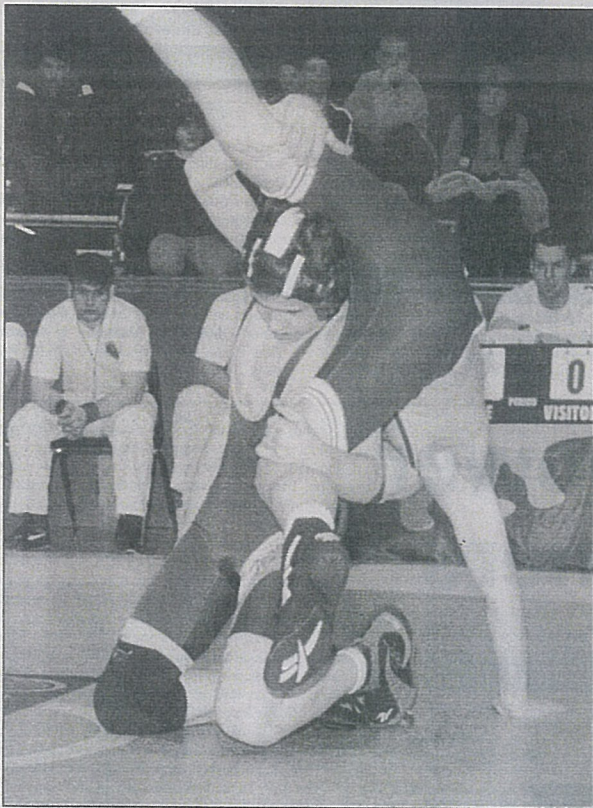
Goeb says most of his athletes have experience in free-style wrestling competition which gives them a slight advantage over teams without that experience. "It's sort of

like the advantage Canadians have in hockey."

The Alaskan team is made up of wrestlers from across the state. Although team members didn't have much time to practise together before the Arctic Winter Games, Goeb says they've developed a solid bond.

"They're learning from each other and having a lot of fun," says Goeb.

Members of the Alaskan wrestling team are Nathan Moore, Brian Keene, Ed Bailey, David Loring, Stanley Brown, Jed Wade, Jesse Craske, Ryan Russell, Jordan Brock, Devin Hawkins, Michael Cole and Scott Jorgensen. The individual wrestling competition begins today.



Alaska's Nathan Moore up ends Team Alberta's Isaac Terrico.



Michael Cole of Alaska (bottom) may be down for the moment but he won his match with Chris Anderson of Alberta.

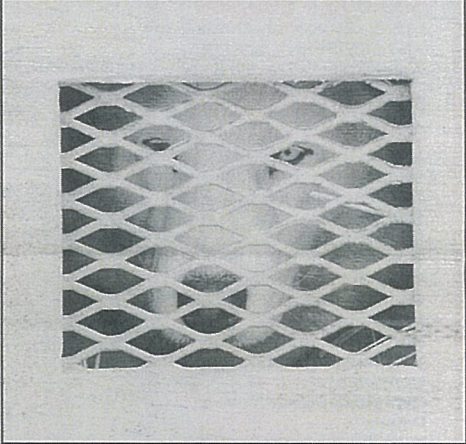


Douglas Almond of the Yukon is in up to his waist in search of a reluctant sled dog while Brent Beck (R) looks on yesterday, while waiting for a vet to clear them to race today. Almond was finally able to collar the dog and pull it out into the open.



Veterinarian Tom Pisz checks out the heartbeat of a sled dog yesterday, while owner Bridgett Moor of Fairbanks, Alaska holds the dog still. The dogs were checked for heartbeat, circulation, and overall health before being cleared to race in the dogsled races, which begin today.

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Steve McKinley*



A day at the races



Steve McKinley/WNSL photo
The parking lot of the Racquet Club was filled with over a hundred sled dogs, each waiting for a medical exam before racing.



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